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**Vineyard Surface Water Treatment Plant Grand Opening**  
***Sacramento County's Critical Link to the Freeport Regional Water Project***

**Sacramento CA:** On October 24<sup>th</sup>, Sacramento County will celebrate the opening of the Vineyard Surface Water Treatment Plant. The Vineyard Plant is Sacramento County Water Agency's first-ever surface water treatment plant and the companion project and critical link to the historic Freeport Regional Water Project.

The Vineyard Plant will treat the County's surface water taken from the Sacramento River through the Freeport intake and pipeline which was completed in 2010.

Michael Peterson, Director of the Sacramento County Department of Water Resources stated, "The Vineyard Surface Water Treatment Plant is the largest project ever undertaken solely by the Water Agency with construction costs totaling over \$200 million. This plant will initially treat up to 50 million gallons of drinking water per day, and will ultimately expand to treat up to 100 million gallons per day -- roughly equivalent to 100 thousand homes and businesses."

Until now nearly all of the water delivered to Water Agency customers has been groundwater pumped from underground aquifers. Recognizing the importance of wise management of the region's water resources involves the balanced use of both groundwater and surface water, the Water Agency has focused long-term planning efforts on two things:

- Securing rights and entitlements to surface water supplies
- Constructing the infrastructure to deliver surface water to reduce demand for groundwater.

With the Freeport intake and pipeline already completed in 2010, the opening of Vineyard Plant transforms these goals into reality and allows the County to ensure safe drinking water is available to Water Agency customers today and into the future.

The Vineyard Surface Water treatment plant has LEED Gold certification, demonstrating Sacramento County's continuing commitment to sustainability.

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### **Groundbreaking Event Schedule**

**When:** Monday, October 24, 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** 10151 Florin Road

**Schedule of events:**

**9:30 a.m.:** Media availability:

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors: Roberta MacGlashan, District 4 and Chair; Jimmie Yee, District 2; Susan Peters, District 3, Don Nottoli, District 5; Michael Peterson, Director of the Sacramento County Department of Water Resources Katy Foulkes, Ward No.3 Director, East Bay Municipal Utilities District; Tom Gohring Water Forum Executive Director

**10:00 a.m.:** Official program begins

**10:45 a.m.:** Appetizers and beverages

**11:00 a.m.:** Tours

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